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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A trimmer in accordance with claim 21 comprising: a common support frame; and

first and second cutting stations each with a cutting unit, each said cutting unit including a cutting strip and a knife for an oblique swing cut against a respective said cutting strip, said each cutting unit including a unit frame connecting said respective cutting strip to a respective said knife, said knife and said cutting strip of each respective cutting station being arranged on a respective said unit frame to perform a squeeze cut during the oblique swing cut, each of said first and second cutting stations including a table fastened to a respective said unit frame;

each of said first and second cutting stations including a pressing element
movably mounted on a respective said unit frame, said table and said pressing element of
each cutting station being arranged to press a block between said table and said pressing
element,

each said unit frame absorbing all pressing forces between respective said pressing elements and respective said tables, each said table and pressing element being Attorney Docket No.: 40424-256497 Applicant: Horst RATHERT Appl. No.: 10/051,577

movable with a respective said cutting unit on said support frame, wherein one of said

cutting stations is a front cutting station and includes a the cutting table of the front cutting station eorresponding corresponds to a largest format and one of said pressing elements has a rigid front part near the knife and with a slightly obliquely positioned elastic rear part.

15-22. (Canceled)

(Currently Amended) A trimmer in accordance with claim [[21]] 14, where:

said pressing elements are arranged obliquely to first touch one side of a top surface of the block when said pressing element presses the block.

- 24. (Currently Amended) A trimmer in accordance with claim 23, wherein: the one side of the top surface of the block is spaced from [[a]] the respective said knife.
- 25. (Currently Amended) A trimmer in accordance with claim [[21]] 14, wherein: said pressing elements each have a fixed support and an oblique support, said oblique support being more elastic than said fixed support.

26 - 28. (Canceled)

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 (Currently Amended) A trimmer comprising in accordance with claim 27, wherein:

a common support frame;

first and second cutting units movably mounted on said common support frame, each said cutting unit including a unit frame, a cutting strip connected to each respective said unit frame, and a knife movably mounted on said each respective unit frame for an oblique swing cut against a respective said cutting strip; and

a drive unit mounted on said each unit frame of each cutting station, said drive unit generating a cutting force for moving a respective said knife against a respective said cutting strip during the oblique swing cut, each said unit frame absorbing all the cutting forces between said knife and said cutting strip during the oblique swing cut,

wherein each of said first and second cutting units further includes a table fastened to a respective said unit frame and a pressing element movably mounted on a respective said unit frame, said table and said pressing element of each cutting unit being arranged to press a block between said table and said pressing element, each said unit frame absorbing all pressing forces between respective said pressing elements and respective said tables, each said table and pressing element being movable with a respective said cutting unit on said support frame, and said pressing elements each have an oblique support arranged to first touch one side of a top surface of the block when said pressing element presses the block.

(Currently Amended) A trimmer in accordance with claim 29, wherein:
 the one side of the top surface of the block is spaced from [[a]] the respective said knife.

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31. (Previously Presented) A trimmer in accordance with claim 29, wherein: said pressing elements each have a fixed support, said fixed support being arranged closer to a respective said knife than said oblique support.

- (Previously Presented) A trimmer in accordance with claim 29, wherein:
 said pressing elements each have a fixed support, said oblique support being more
 elastic than said fixed support.
- 33. (Previously Presented) A trimmer in accordance with claim 29, wherein: said oblique support is arranged to remove air present in the block starting at the one side of the top surface when said pressing element presses the block.
- 34. (Currently Amended) A trimmer in accordance with claim [[26]] 29, further comprising a third cutting unit movably mounted on said common support frame, said third cutting unit including a unit frame, a cutting strip and a knife arranged similar to said first and second cutting units, said first, second and third cutting units being arranged on said common support frame to trim a head, foot and front of a block.

35 - 36. (Canceled)